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# Nobel Prize Winning Former President Slams Israel as an `Apartheid State'

**MAN OF PEACE VS. MAN OF WAR: Former President Jimmy Carter speaks at a public function while a smirking President George W. Bush and a snarling First Lady Laura Bush look on. Carter, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, has placed blame squarely on Israel's shoulders for the seemingly unresolvable situation still festering in Palestine. He also earned the wrath of Zionists worldwide for condemning America's unflinching and completely one-sided support for any and all Israeli polices — which never seem to be in America's best interests.** RIC FELD/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

## Jimmy Carter's new book blasts Zionist racism, power of Israeli Lobby

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The Israeli lobby is mad at Jimmy Carter — yet again. The former president — a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize — is under fire from the Israeli lobby for comments he made in a new, soon-to-be-published book focusing on the Palestine problem.

The title of Carter's book alone has inflamed American Zionists. Carter's use of the term "apartheid" in the title ***Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid*** effectively compares Israel's ongoing treatment of the Christian and Muslim Palestinian Arabs to the former policy of racial separation (known as "apartheid") in South Africa, long since dismantled.

And as anyone who has followed the mass media at any given time during the last 50 years knows full well, the concept of "apartheid" has never had a favorable review. So Carter's use of the term to describe Israel's policies is a pointed one and it has sparked heated frenzy in pro-Israel circles.

In his book, the ex-president also shakes a finger at the influence of the Israeli lobby, saying, "Because of powerful political, economic, and religious forces in the United States, Israeli government decisions are rarely questioned or condemned." This comment alone has been condemned by Zionist voices as reflecting an old-fashioned "anti-Semitic conspiracy theory."

Carter also riled supporters of Israel by suggesting that "Israel's continued control and colonization of Palestinian land have been the primary obstacles to a comprehensive peace agreement in the Holy Land."

Speaking on behalf of a high-level clique of Democratic Party fundraisers who are focusing on generating Jewish campaign contributions to the party's coffers, U.S. Congressman Steven J. Israel, a glib New Yorker with presidential aspirations, denounced Carter, attacked the Palestinians and added that the Nobel Peace Prize winner's concerns don't reflect the direction of the Democratic Party. "It reflects the opinion of one man," asserted Israel.

This is not the first time that the former president has come under fire for his criticisms of Israel. Following the recent Israeli assault on Lebanon, Carter upset Israel's partisans when he said, "I don't think Israel has any legal or moral justification for their massive bombing of the entire nation of Lebanon."

But the truth is that Carter's problems with Israel and its American lobby go back to virtually the earliest days of his presidency — a point that many Americans have never really understood. In fact, as far back as March 2, 1978, little more than a year after Carter was sworn in as president, ***The Wall Street Journal*** was already noting that even though Carter had just won 75% of the Jewish vote in the presidential election, "various events and occurrences" in Carter's administration had "disturbed Jews."

The Journal pointed out that many key leaders in the American Jewish community were "rethinking their commitment to Jimmy Carter" and that some were even "talk[ing] privately about a 'betrayal' [of Israel by Carter]."

The American Zionists were disturbed that Carter had put pressure on Israel to stop colonizing occupied Arab territories and had made the decision to sell advanced warplanes to Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Carter had also dared to use the term "homeland" in reference to Palestinian aspirations — something that, in those days — was considered a major offense to Israel's geopolitical demands upon the world.

Citing the harsh words about Carter by several top Jewish Democrats, the Journal said that this criticism "could mean a great deal," pointing out that San Francisco developer Walter Shorenstein, one of the Democratic Party's major fundraisers (and a well-known supporter of Israel) had gone so far as to ask: "Is Israel being sold down the river by [the Carter] administration?"

These questions were being raised as early as 1978, as noted, and by the spring of 1980, when Carter was seeking renomination and re-election, the war against Carter by Israel and its partisans was well under way.

Things were so bad, from Carter's perspective, that — according to veteran journalists Andrew and Leslie Cockburn — Carter was heard to tell senior political advisors in a private meeting in the family quarters of the White House that "If I get back in, I'm going to [expletive deleted] the Jews."

According to the Cockburns, writing in a little-noticed passage in their 1991 book, ***Dangerous Liaison: The Inside Story of the U.S.-Israeli Relationship***, Carter's anger at Israel and its American supporters stemmed not only from increasing attacks on Carter from that corner, but, in particular, from the fact that Carter had discovered — through intercepts made available to him by the National Security Agency — that Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin was interfering in American domestic political affairs. Begin had been overheard advising New York Mayor Ed Koch on how to undermine Carter's reelection hopes.

In fact, Koch later went on to endorse Carter's Republican challenger, former California Gov. Ronald Reagan whose own early rise in both the entertainment industry (and later the political arena) came as a consequence of his close relationship with financial forces and organized crime interests who were prime movers behind the Israeli lobby in America. For more on Reagan's little-known criminal Zionist connections, see the shocking new book, ***Supermob***,* by investigative journalist Gus Russo.

In addition, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger — who became a key advisor to the Reagan campaign (and later the Reagan White House, just as he advises George W. Bush today) — was huddling with the Israeli ambassador to the United States, urging Israel to "organize forces in the U.S. and Israel" against Carter.

In the end, with Israeli lobby forces and financial contributors coalescing at the highest levels around Reagan, Carter was dislodged from the White House. Since then, Carter has won many accolades for his frank talk about the Middle East, defying the mass media and the Israeli lobby in the process.

* Supermob (hardback, item #1516, $38.95 — just $34.95 for members of THE AMERICAN FREE PRESS READERSHIP COUNCIL) by Gary Russo is a available from First Amendment Books, 645 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, Suite 100, Washington, D.C. 20003. Call 1-888-699-6397 to order by Visa or MasterCard.

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